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UNUSUAL ABUNDANCE OF *SANDALUS* IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

In September, 1954, a *Sandalus*, tentatively determined as *niger* Knoch, was found in some numbers in the dry woodlands in the Scott's Pond area near Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana. Males were observed on the morning of September 25 flying at heights of 4 to 15 feet, but no females were taken in flight. The buzzing of several males attracted our attention to a large female together with two males resting about 12 feet above the ground, on the trunk of a small hickory. Other males were seen to veer in flight and approach this group. Some came to rest and then took off so that the males resting on the trunk seemed to be changing constantly. By standing beneath the tree it was possible to net the males as they flew to and from the trunk, and nearly a dozen were collected in less than an hour. A smaller female with a smaller coterie of males was found on a tree nearby. Both females and most of the males were very dark; only one male was light brown.

The area in which these beetles were found has been rather thoroughly explored in connection with ecological studies of other insects every year since 1950, but no specimens of *Sandalus* have been collected or observed before. It thus seems possible that the unusual abundance in 1954 was connected with the emergence of Brood X of the Periodical Cicada (*Magicicada septendecim*) which occurred in the general area in 1953.—FRANK N. YOUNG, *Indiana University*

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